

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN NEBRASKA  
BY LAW AMENDMENTS  
RESOLUTION FOR ARTICLE III - ELECTIONS  
Resolution 2203**

**WHEREAS:** The Christian Church In Nebraska's Regional Church Board has engaged in conversations for more than two years, exploring what it means to be the Regional Church today, and into the future; and

**WHEREAS:** The Christian Church In Nebraska's Continuing Review Committee has worked diligently for more than one year to discern God's call upon us as the Regional Church In Nebraska, and how to best re-imagine with God the structure that will best support our newly stated purpose *To engage in spiritual practices as we accompany one another and our neighbors so that we can instill, support, and sustain the vitality of the Local Churches in our Region;* and

**WHEREAS:** The Christian Church In Nebraska meets every two years to consider resolutions in its Regional Assembly;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Christian Church In Nebraska, at its Regional Assembly's Business Session held on November 5, 2022 at First Christian Church in Grand Island, adopt the Proposed Article III to its By Laws as attached to completely replace the Article III of its Current By Laws.

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- 107 **ARTICLE III**  
108 **ELECTIONS**
- 109 A. The Leader Identification/Nomination Committee shall consist of the chairperson and  
110 persons appointed by the Executive Committee of the Regional Board. These  
111 appointed persons shall be from each geographic area of the state that is represented  
112 or has been represented by the Cluster guidelines. Should the Cluster structure come  
113 back, then the appointment of committee members will revert to Cluster responsibility.
- 114 B. Thirty days prior to each Regional Assembly the Leader Identification/Nomination  
115 Committee shall submit to congregations, to registered voting representatives, and to  
116 alternates a slate of nominees to fill the offices set forth below in paragraph E. of this  
117 section.
- 118 C. The Leader Identification/Nomination Committee will nominate persons who actively  
119 support the Regional and General Program of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
120 and are active members of their home congregations.
- 121 D. The Regional Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska shall be  
122 consultative to the Leader Identification/Nomination Committee.
- 123 E. Nominations for the following offices shall be presented to each Regional Assembly for  
124 its action.
- 125 1. Moderator, Moderator-Elect, Vice Moderator, Secretary, Chair - Budget & Finance  
126 Committee, Chair - Leader Identification/Nomination Committee, Chair - New  
127 Congregation Establishment Commission, Chair - Outreach, Vision and Witness  
128 Commission, Chair - Pastoral Leadership Commission, Chair - Personnel Committee,  
129 Two Board Members-at-Large. (See Article IV B. for Board.)
- 130 2. Chair - Regional Assembly Planning Commission, Chair - Property Committee.
- 131 F. Nominations to fulfill our commitment to denominational, ecumenical and other agency  
132 obligations shall be presented to the Regional Assembly prior to the time necessary to  
133 maintain the continuity of such relationships.
- 134 1. Three members for the Cotner College Commission on Continuing Education for  
135 four (4) year terms.
- 136 2. Two Directors for the Nebraska Christian Church and Cotner College Foundation,  
137 Inc., for four (4) year terms.

- 138 3. The Regional Representative to the General Board, elected every four (4) years for  
139 a four (4) year term.
- 140 4. The voting representatives and alternates to the General Assembly of the Christian  
141 Church (Disciples of Christ). The number will be determined by the rules of the  
142 General Assembly.
- 143 5. Others as determined by the board such as:  
144 a. Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska  
145 b. Child Saving Institute  
146 c. United Ministries in Higher Education  
147 d. Nebraska Conference of the United Church of Christ
- 148 G. These persons shall take office following the Regional Assembly in which they are  
149 elected.
- 150 H. Whenever vacancies shall occur between Regional Assemblies, the Board in  
151 consultation with the Leader Identification/Nomination Committee shall be empowered  
152 to fill such vacancies. The persons filling the vacancies shall then be eligible for election  
153 to the term or terms of that particular office.

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**Elections (lines 107-153)**

**A. NOMINATIONS:**

1. The Center on the Regional Church<sup>1</sup> shall be responsible for soliciting nominees for various positions identified later in this Article;
2. The Center may appoint a group of people (e.g., Nominating Committee) who will solicit and recommend nominees to the Center;
3. The slate of nominees shall be recommended by the Center to the Regional Church Board;
4. The slate recommended by the Center shall be reviewed, and if approved shall be recommended by the Regional Church Board, and if the slate is approved shall be recommended to the Regional Assembly for action; and
5. The Regional Assembly shall review, accept additional nominees who have consented to be considered, and approve the slate of nominees;
6. In the event of a vacancy, the Regional Church Board shall fill such vacancies based upon nominations that come from the Center on the Regional Church;
7. The Center on Regional Church, and/or its Nominating Committee, will conduct its work in consultation with the Regional Minister; and
8. Nominees shall be selected from persons who meet on of the categories below:
  - i. Active member of a Disciples congregation in Nebraska and actively support the Regional and General Churches; and/or
  - ii. Ministers in Good Standing with the Regional Church and are active members of a Disciples congregation.

B. At least twenty days prior to each Regional Assembly the Center, through the Regional Church Office/Staff, shall submit to congregations, to registered representatives, and to alternates a slate of nominees to fill the offices set forth below in paragraph "C" of this section.

C. Nominations for the following offices shall be presented to each Regional Assembly for its action.

1. Executive Officers of Moderator, Vice Moderator, Secretary, and Treasurer
2. Chairs of the:
  - a. Center on Church Development
  - b. Center on Church Leadership
  - c. Center on Church Mission
  - d. Center on the Regional Church
3. Two At-Large Board Members; and
4. General Church Board Representative;

D. These persons shall take office on January 1, following the Regional Assembly in which they are elected.